<u>REMARKS</u>

Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the subject application as amended herein. In this preliminary Amendment, claims 1-28 have been cancelled. Claims 29-46 have been added. No new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully submits that new claims 29-46 are patentable over the references of record.

In conclusion, it is respectfully submitted that all claims are now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due. If a telephone conference would facilitate the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Marina Portnova at (408) 720-8300.

Deposit Account Authorization

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due. Furthermore, if an extension is required, then Applicant hereby requests such extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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